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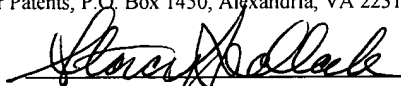
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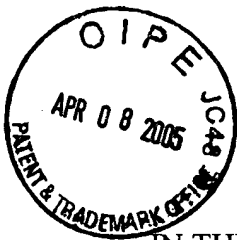
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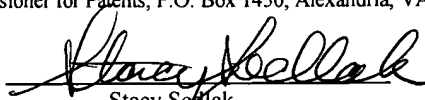
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☒ The "concise explanation" requirement under 36 CFR 1.98(a)(3)(i) for reference AL is satisfied by:

- ☐ the explanation provided on the attached sheet.
- ☐ the explanation provided in the Specification.
- ☒ submission of related U.S. Patent Number 6,344,388.
- ☒ abstract.

It is requested the information disclosed herein be made of record in this application.

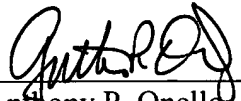
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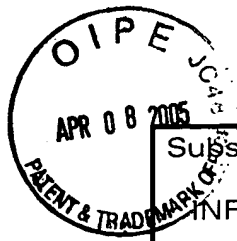
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